

# Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

October 2006 Flooding Event

SITUATION REPORT # 4

As of 1400 hours 10 October 2006

## WEATHER

**Forecast:** **Tonight:** Mostly clear with a low around 54. East wind between 3 and 5 mph. **Wednesday:** Partly cloudy with a high near 75. Northeast wind at 7 mph becoming southeast. Chance of precipitation is 10%. **Wednesday night:** Partly cloudy with a low around 60. East wind at 5 mph becoming southerly. Chance of precipitation is 20%. **Thursday:** A chance of thunderstorms after 1pm. Mostly cloudy with high near 74. West wind between 3 and 8 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40%. New rainfall amounts between a tenth and quarter of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms.

## EXECUTIVE ACTION

**EOC Activation:** Virginia Emergency Operations Center augmented with limited staff. Coordinated resource requests from localities and conference calls with selected State Agencies. Monitoring local situations and National Weather Service forecast and advisories and notifying appropriate localities.

**State of Emergency:** At 1540 hours on 9 October Governor Timothy Kaine declared a State of Emergency due to storms and flooding in Central and Southeast Virginia.

### **Protective Actions:**

#### EOC Activations:

- Surry County, closed at 1700, 8 October
- Sussex County **closed at 1700, 8 October**
- Isle of Wight County, open from 0700 to 2300 hours
- James City County, closed at 2100 hours, 7 October
- Prince George County, closed at 1600 hours, 7 October
- City of Franklin, opened at 0400 hours, 9 October

#### Local Emergency Declared:

- Surry County: **7 October**
- Sussex County: **7 October**
- Isle of Wight County: **7 October**
- James City County: **7 October**
- Southampton County: **9 October**
- City of Franklin: **9 October**

#### Evacuations:

- City of Richmond – Closed at 1000 hours with no one sheltered.
- Sussex County – 45 people evacuated; 1 shelter open with 3 sheltered in hotel. Shelter now closed.
- Isle of Wight County – 40 people evacuated; 1 shelter opened at 1100 hours assisted 5 people and closed at 1740 hours.
- James City County – 25 people evacuated and no shelter open.
- Surry County – opened shelter on 7 October. Shelter closed due to no residents.
- **City of Franklin – 200 people evacuated; 1 shelter open, assisting approximately 40 people at Franklin High School.**
- **Southampton County- 45 evacuated, Sheltering with family and friends**

Schools Closed:

- Isle of Wight – closed 9 October and 10 October
- **Surry County – 10 October**

**OPERATIONS SECTIONS**

**State Warning Point:** Monitoring National Weather Service River Forecast Center advisories and National Weather Service forecasts. ***The Blackwater River crested at 22.9 feet at the Franklin gauge At 0800 hours 10 October and will slowly recede.***

**Local Liaison:** ***Initial Damage Assessments are being sought from all local communities affected and State Agencies. Two VDEM Local Support Services Regional Coordinators are on scene in the City of Franklin assisting the local government.***

**EMERGENCY SERVICES BRANCH**

**Search & Rescue (ESF 9):** ***Civil Air Patrol (CAP) flew along the Blackwater River from north of Zuni to south of Franklin and completed a visual reconnaissance on 9 October .***

**Public Safety & Security:** Virginia State Police Staff on extended hours with additional staff on call. Occupied with road closures and re-routing. ***VSP Swift Water Rescue Team is standing by to support the City of Franklin with evacuations. In coordination with VDGIF conducting patrols in flooded areas of the city. VDGIF supplied 4 boats to assist evacuating residents of the City of Franklin. Those resources are being utilized as above and were utilized to deploy oil containment booms.***

**Hazardous Materials (ESF 10):** ***The VDEM Regional Hazmat Officers and members of the Newport News Regional HazMat Response Team are on scene in Franklin assisting the local fire department with fuel tank leaks that have dumped 12,500 gallons of fuel.***

**HUMAN SERVICES BRANCH**

**Mass Care (ESF 6):** ***American Red Cross (ARC) assisted with shelter operations in Sussex County and is assisting DSS shelter operations in the City of Franklin. Provided MRE's to residents in Zuni affected by water system loss.***

**INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT BRANCH**

**Transportation (ESF 1):** ***3 Primary roads (58 Business in Franklin, Route 460 Ivor to Zuni, and 189 between 666 and 258 ) and 87 secondary roads closed. Assisting localities with signage and making necessary repairs.***

**LOGISTICS SECTION**

**Resource Support (ESF 7):** ***In addition to previously reported missions, supplied oil retention boom capability to Franklin and bottled water for Southampton County.***

**LONG TERM COMMUNITY RECOVERY AND MITIGATION**

**ESF 14:** Discussion with FEMA staff at the JFO has determined that any jurisdiction declared under T/S Ernesto that received damages from the rain/flooding event last weekend must submit a new Initial Damage Assessment. Damages cannot be added to Ernesto as the incident period for Ernesto has closed.

**EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**Public Information (ESF 15):** ***Continuing to respond to Media, Public and Legislative inquiries. Marc Lafontaine is going to Franklin to photograph damage. Released a flood safety tips news release. Continuing to monitor media reports. Support offered to City of Franklin PIO, awaiting response.***

## LOCAL ACTIVITIES

- Southampton County: Emergency personnel on standby to conduct door-to-door notifications in areas likely to flood. Forty (40) people have been evacuated from the Community of Kensdale and Burdette due to flooding from the Blackwater River.
- City of Franklin: Notified city businesses likely to be flooded in order to take preventive measures. ***The US ARMY Corp of Engineers provided 5000 sandbags for the City.*** The City, as well as private boats, on standby for possible rescue operations. Emergency personnel placed on standby. ***Downtown City of Franklin has been closed due to flooding and fuel leaks.***
- City of Richmond: Battery Park flooding reoccurred. Health Department is responding to City of Richmond request for disinfectant procedures for flooding in Battery Park.
- Isle of Wight County: Water system in Zuni inoperable, affecting 40 customers. Bottled water request coordinated by VEOC. Bottled water being made available for affected residents; costs being incurred by **Isle of Wight County**. IDA teams deployed to affected areas. PDA team concluded that most damage is affected area is from flooding and is not causing structural damage.

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